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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS BOYCE, HODNETT AND HOOKER TO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Richard N. Boyce** of Belmont, **Moses E. Hodnett Jr.** of Greensboro and **Richard Hooker Jr.** of Shelby to the N.C. Human Relations Commission.

Boyce is a professor of preaching and pastoral leadership at Union Theological Seminary & Presbyterian School of Christian Education at Charlotte. He serves on the Gaston Clergy-Citizens Coalition, the Belmont Lions Club and the Belmont Parish Nursing Program. He has served on the Belmont chapter of Habitat for Humanity and the Belmont Community Organization. Boyce received his bachelor's degree in English from Davidson College and his doctorate degrees in ministry and philosophy from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va.

Hodnett is a pastor at Mount Tabor and Celia Phelps United Methodist Churches in Greensboro. He is a member of the Greensboro District Committee on Ordained Ministry and a former member of the Winston-Salem Urban League, the Western Rockingham County Schools Board of Education and the Rockingham County Youth Involvement Program Board of Directors. Hodnett received his bachelor's degree in history, and master's degrees in guidance and education administration from N.C. A&T State University and his master's of divinity from the Divinity School at Duke University.

Hooker is co-founder and executive director of the Cleveland County Business Development Center Inc. He is a member of the Shelby City Schools Board of Education and on the board of visitors for the Cleveland County YMCA/Girls Club. He was a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and then promoted to captain in the U.S. Army Reserve. Hooker received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Norfolk State University in Norfolk, Va.

The commission promotes and enforces equality of opportunity for people in North Carolina in areas of housing, fair employment practices, public accommodations, education, justice and governmental services. There are 22 members on the commission, each serving a four-year term. The governor appoints 18 members.

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